



Field Guides Tour Report

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Our birding group at the summit of Montezuma in the Tatama National Park. There is permanent military outpost here to protect the communications towers. The soldiers are always happy to see birding groups. This is the site for Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer and Munchique Wood-Wren.

We started the tour in one of the two major economic and political centers of the region, Santiago de Cali (or just "Cali"), in the southern part of the Cauca Valley. Medellin, the other large metropolitan city, is a few hours north where the valley begins to narrow considerably. The Cauca Valley is pinned to the west by the Western Cordillera and to the east by the Central Cordillera, both splinter ranges of the Andes Mountains. This valley is known for its large sugarcane production, and as a result, its famous rum. We made our first stop on the east slope of the Eastern Cordillera at El 18 and Finca Alejandria. This was a nice way to 'ease' ourselves into the diverse and intense birding we would be experiencing over the next few days. The feeders (both hummingbird and fruit) at Finca Alejandria teemed with exotic tanagers (including Multicolored), honeycreepers, toucanets (Crimson-rumped and Southern Emerald), and colorful and fancy hummingbirds. We made our first lunch attempt at bandeja paisa (for some) before descending into the valley and our first night in Buga. Stops in the valley at Laguna de Sonso and Reserva Vinculo were super productive as we dodged a few rain storms, but the birds didn't seem to mind. We ticked off the endemic Grayish Piculet, Apical Flycatcher, a nice smattering of waders and shorebirds, and even a day-roosting Common Potoo! From here we made our way several hours up into the Western Cordillera to the town of Pueblo Rico where we loaded up into 4x4 vehicles for three nights at Montezuma Lodge in the Tatama National Park.

Montezuma Lodge didn't disappoint. The pattern was pretty much the same every day; very hard rain in the evening, but clear skies in the morning, then cool and cloudy in the afternoon. Most days were perfect for birding, albeit a bit on the sunny side. Each day we worked different elevations where we could maximize our potential for finding endemics and specialty birds of the region. Up high (where we visited the military outpost) we encountered the rare and local Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer and the lovely songster, Munchique Wood-Wren. A bit further down we were visited by mixed-species flocks with the Bangsia tanagers (both endemic), Black Solitaire, Black-eared Hemispingus, Sharpe's Wrens, and Purplish-mantled Tanager, among many others. Every few kilometers we ran into a set of forest humminbird feeders with Brown Inca or those aggressive Velvet-purple Coronets. Near the lodge we called in the endemic Parker's Antbird, Sooty-headed Wrens, Lanceolated Monkelet, and had nice tanager flocks (in total on this tour, ten species of Tangara!). Our local guide at Montezuma, Fernando, was super talented and helped us tremendously to find many good birds.

After Montezuma, we left the highlands in the west and crossed over the Cauca Valley and climbed up into the central highlands to the town of Manezales, located at 7,090 feet. This was a perfect base for exploring Rio Blanco Reserve and Los Nevados NP. Rio Blanco was a really fun day where we got to see the talented younger Daniel show us three species of antpitta, Ocellated Tapaculo, White-capped Tanagers, and stunning Golden-plumed Parakeets at eye-level. We also learned about the game of 'tejo.' In addition, we had a fabulous time up at Los Nevados NP where the bird of the day was the endemic, Buffy Helmetcrest. From Los Nevados NP, we finished our trip at Otun-Quimbaya National Park near Pereira with a solid morning of birding: Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Cauca Guan, and the tiny and rare, near-endemic, Hooded Antpitta.

But, what were your highlights? Jim liked the Bangsia tanagers. Joshua liked the hummingbirds including Rainbow-bearded Thornbill. Howard reached a real milestone with 4000 species, an Orange-breasted Fruiteater. Congrats, Howard! Heidi and John both agreed on the Great Sapphirewing and Diane even picked a tapaculo (Paramo). However, there was consensus to the best bird of the trip: the Buffy Helmetcrest!

Thanks for a memorable trip to Colombia. I hope it is just the tip of the iceberg for you here because Colombia is big, has more species of birds than any other country in the world, and definitely deserves several trips. Have an awesome and birdy 2020.

Jesse aka Motmot (from Lima, Peru)

KEYS FOR THIS LIST

One of the following keys may be shown in brackets for individual species as appropriate: * = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant

BIRDS

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl).

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) – Seen flying away from us; a small group of 8 individuals at Laguna de Sonso.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL (*Spatula discors*)

ANDEAN TEAL (*Anas andium*) – A pair were on the small pond as we made our way up to Los Nevados NP. Formerly lumped with Yellow-billed Teal as 'Speckled Teal' but now northern Andes birds are treated separately.

ANDEAN DUCK (*Oxyura ferruginea andina*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows).

COLOMBIAN CHACHALACA (*Ortalis columbiana*) – We saw this endemic at Reserva Vinculo, albeit very briefly. [E]

CAUCA GUAN (*Penelope perspicax*) – One of our last new birds of the trip. A large group were seen in the ash trees at Otun-Quimbaya. [E]

SICKLE-WINGED GUAN (*Chamaepetes goudotii*)

Odontophoridae (New World Quail).

CHESTNUT WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus hyperythrus*) [E*]

Podicipedidae (Grebes).

LEAST GREBE (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves).

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*) [H]

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea chapmani*) – Nice looks at one in the scope perched along the dirt track above Montezuma Lodge. The pale eyes were seen well.

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

WHITE-THROATED QUAIL-DOVE (*Zentrygon frenata*) – Nice looks at one walking along the road in the late afternoon at Montezuma Lodge.

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata*)

Cuculidae (Cuckoos).

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*) [*]

PAVONINE CUCKOO (*Dromococcyx pavoninus*) – Amazing experience at Montezuma Lodge! We watched the bird fly in and perch just over our heads for several minutes. Incredible, and great photos.

DWARF CUCKOO (*Coccyzina pumila*) [*]

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies).

LESSER NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)

Nyctibiidae (Potoos).

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*) – One day roosting bird was seen well at the Laguna de Sonso visitor's center.

Apodidae (Swifts).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne rutila*)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*) – Seen quickly in flight over Reserva Vinculo.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (*Glaucis hirsutus*) – One made a surprise visit to the Comeguada Reservoir where it wasn't expected.

GREEN HERMIT (*Phaethornis guy*)

TAWNY-BELLIED HERMIT (*Phaethornis symrator*) – Seen well at the Montezuma feeders over several days.

WHITE-THROATED WEDGEBILL (*Schistes albogularis*) – Also called the Choco Daggerbill, which is a name I prefer. It was seen at El 18 and again visiting the Montezuma feeders.

BROWN VIOLETEAR (*Colibri delphinae*) – This species was seen at Finca Alejandria, the other two *Colibri* species were both at Montezuma.

LESSER VIOLETEAR (*Colibri cyanotus*)

SPARKLING VIOLETEAR (*Colibri coruscans*)

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)

TOURMALINE SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus exortis*) – This lovely hummingbird was visiting the feeders at Los Termales.

SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Adelomyia melanogenys*)

LONG-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus kingii*) – The widespread sylph of the Andes.

VIOLET-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus coelestis*) – A near endemic to Colombia; found only on the Choco side of the Western Cordillera south into Ecuador. Seen well at Montezuma Lodge.

RAINBOW-BEARDED THORNBILL (*Chalcostigma herrani*) – A spectacular bird; both a male and female were around the feeders at Los Termales.

BUFFY HELMETCREST (*Oxypogon stubelii*) – An amazing bird to experience so well. It perched in front of us for nearly an hour, visiting different flowers and returning for photo opps. The Espeletia and paramo habitat where it is found is pretty awesome, too. Endemic to Colombia! [E]

TYRIAN METALTAIL (*Metallura tyrianthina*)

VIRIDIAN METALTAIL (*Metallura williami*)

GREENISH PUFFLEG (*Haplophaedia aureliae*)

GOLDEN-BREASTED PUFFLEG (*Eriocnemis mosquera*) – This near endemic was showing well at the Los Termales feeders below Los Nevados NP. It is also found in Ecuador.

SHINING SUNBEAM (*Aglaeactis cupripennis*) – Probably no better place to see this species so well than Los Termales. They were literally feeding out of our hands!

BRONZY INCA (*Coeligena coeligena*)

BROWN INCA (*Coeligena wilsoni*) – Fairly common visiting the forest feeders at Montezuma Lodge.

COLLARED INCA (*Coeligena torquata*)

BUFF-WINGED STARFRONTLET (*Coeligena lutetiae*) – A large dark hummingbird, but the buffy wing patches really stand out!

GREAT SAPPHIREWING (*Pterophanes cyanopterus*) – An especially 'showy' large hummingbird that we saw super well at the Los Termales feeders.

BUFF-TAILED CORONET (*Boissonneaua flavescens*)

VELVET-PURPLE CORONET (*Boissonneaua jardini*) – Another near endemic found on the Choco side (just gets into Ecuador). It was common at the Montezuma feeders.

BOOTED RACKET-TAIL (*Ocreatus underwoodii*)

RUFOUS-GAPED HILLSTAR (*Urochroa bougueri*)

PURPLE-BIBBED WHITETIP (*Urosticte benjamini*) – Always good to see this one. In Colombia, found only on the Choco foothill side.

FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*)

GREEN-CROWNED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa jacula*)

EMPRESS BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa imperatrix*) – I like the name and size of this one. Thankfully, it is quite common at Montezuma Lodge.

LONG-BILLED STARHROAT (*Heliomaster longirostris*) – A rare visitor to the Montezuma feeders.

WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus mulsant*)

PURPLE-THROATED WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox mitchellii*) – The common woodstar at Finca Alejandria and Montezuma Lodge. Replaced by the previous species at Los Nevados.

WESTERN EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus melanorhynchus*)

WHITE-VENTED PLUMELETEER (*Chalybura buffonii*)

CROWNED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania colombica*)

ANDEAN EMERALD (*Amazilia franciae*)

STEELY-VENTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia saucerotiei*)

RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia tzacatl*)

BLUE-HEADED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis grayi*) – Very rare at Finca Alejandria (this is a species of the lowlands), but we saw a brilliant male visiting the feeders.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

BLACKISH RAIL (*Pardirallus nigricans*) [*]

COMMON GALLINULE (*Gallinula galeata*)

PURPLE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio martinica*)

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)

BLACK-NECKED STILT (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings).

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

Jacanidae (Jacanas).

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER (*Calidris melanotos*) – Nice looks at one along the Cauca River at Laguna de Sonso.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

LESSER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa flavipes*)

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns).

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills).

GLOSSY IBIS (*Plegadis falcinellus*) – Just one in a wet marsh off the side of the road before we got to Laguna de Sonso.

BARE-FACED IBIS (*Phimosus infuscatus*)

BUFF-NECKED IBIS (*Theristicus caudatus*) – Several landed in palm trees to roost in the late evening at Reserva Vinculo. Nice looks in the scope.

Cathartidae (New World Vultures).

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes burrovianus*) – Rare in the Cauca Valley. We had one at Laguna de Sonso.

Pandionidae (Osprey).

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites).

HOOK-BILLED KITE (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*)

BLACK HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus tyrannus*)

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – One flew over us quite close as we birded the Montezuma road (Tatema NP).

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

WHITE-RUMPED HAWK (*Parabuteo leucorhous*) – Always a treat to see this species; a rare foothills forest raptor. One was flying over the Montezuma forest.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (*Buteo platypterus*)

Strigidae (Owls).

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*) – One snuck in quietly, but we found it close for awesome looks. It was a daily evening sound at Montezuma Lodge.

CLOUD-FOREST PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium nubicola*) [*]

Trogonidae (Trogons).

GOLDEN-HEADED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus auriceps*)

COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*)

MASKED TROGON (*Trogon personatus assimilis*)

Momotidae (Motmots).

ANDEAN MOTMOT (*Momotus aequatorialis*) – Any day with a motmot is a good day. ;-)

BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT (*Electron platyrhynchum*) – This one gave us fits while birding the Montezuma road, but eventually we found a small hole to set up the scope for good views.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers).

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)

Bucconidae (Puffbirds).

MOUSTACHED PUFFBIRD (*Malacoptila mystacalis*) – Cool experience with a pair along the road near Pueblo Rico.

LANCEOLATED MONKLET (*Micromonacha lanceolata*) – Fernando called one up for us above the Montezuma Lodge. We had it in the scope for a long time. Good bird.

Capitonidae (New World Barbets).

RED-HEADED BARBET (*Eubucco bourcierii*) – Visting the feeders at Finca Alejandria and Montezuma made folks happy.

Semnornithidae (Toucan-Barbets).

TOUCAN BARBET (*Semnornis ramphastinus*)

Ramphastidae (Toucans).

SOUTHERN EMERALD-TOUCANET (*Aulacorhynchus albivitta*)

CRIMSON-RUMPED TOUCANET (*Aulacorhynchus haematopygus*)

BLACK-BILLED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN (*Andigena nigrirostris*) [*]

Picidae (Woodpeckers).

GRAYISH PICULET (*Picumnus granadensis*) – This endemic was seen along the entrance road to Laguna de Sonso. Seen again at Comeguadua. [E]

RED-CROWNED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*)

SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER (*Dryobates fumigatus*)

YELLOW-VENTED WOODPECKER (*Dryobates dignus*) – Seen several times in the forest at Montezuma.

POWERFUL WOODPECKER (*Campephilus pollens*) [*]

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)

CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rivoli*) – A sharp-looking woodpecker that is always nice to see. We had one at Rio Blanco Reserve in the large mixed-species flock.

SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes punctigula*)

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras).

COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus*)

CRESTED CARACARA (*Caracara cheriway*)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima chimachima*)

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

BAT FALCON (*Falco ruficularis*)

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots).

BLUE-FRONTED PARROTLET (*Touit dilectissimus*) [*]

BARRED PARAKEET (*Bolborhynchus lineola*) [*]

RUSTY-FACED PARROT (*Hapalopsittaca amazonina*) – Nice looks at a pair in the big tree above the Rio Blanco visitor's center.

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

BRONZE-WINGED PARROT (*Pionus chalcopterus*)

SPECTACLED PARROTLET (*Forpus conspicillatus*)

GOLDEN-PLUMED PARAKEET (*Leptosittaca branickii*) – A wonderful experience with calling birds in trees at eye-level while birding Rio Blanco.

SCARLET-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Psittacara wagleri wagleri*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds).

BAR-CRESTED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus multistriatus*)

UNIFORM ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus unicolor*) – One showed well birding along the El 18 road.

BICOLORED ANTVIREO (*Dysithamnus occidentalis*) – Whoooaa. Truly a rare bird. We had an amazing encounter with a singing male that approached close. We all had awesome views! Restricted to just a few spots in Colombia, Ecuador, and N Peru.

SLATY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula schisticolor*)

YELLOW-BREASTED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus axillaris*)

STREAK-HEADED ANTBIRD (*Drymophila striaticeps*)

PARKER'S ANTBIRD (*Cercomacroides parkeri*) – The Colombian endemic, named after Ted Parker, was fairly common above the lodge at Montezuma. We saw a pair very nicely. [E]

JET ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra nigricans*)

ZELEDON'S ANTBIRD (*Hafferia zeledoni*) – Sometimes you get lucky. We had a pair foraging along the Montezuma road in plain site; they didn't seem to be bothered by us.

Grallariidae (Antpittas).

CHESTNUT-CROWNED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria ruficapilla*) – The antpitta show at Rio Blanco was pretty impressive. This is one of the more attractive visitor's to the feeding station.

BICOLORED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria rufocinerea*)

YELLOW-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria flavotincta*) – Usually just a heard. Seen hopping along the Montezuma road feeding a youngster.

RUFIOUS ANTPITTA (*Grallaria rufula*)

TAWNY ANTPITTA (*Grallaria quitensis*) – Hopping around in the open at Los Nevados NP.

BROWN-BANDED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria milleri*) – The endemic showed well, but made it tough for other visiting antpittas. [E]

OCHRE-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula flavirostris*) – Awesome looks at this small antpitta with the Shakira dance moves.

HOODED ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula cucullata*) – A near endemic to Colombia. Very local and rare. We lucked out with amazing views at Otun-Quimbaya.

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos).

OCELLATED TAPACULO (*Acropternis orthonyx*) – As tapaculos go, this showed extremely well. This one was truly about "holes and angles." Seen at Rio Blanco.

BLACKISH TAPACULO (*Scytalopus latrans*)

CHOCO TAPACULO (*Scytalopus chocoensis*)

STILES'S TAPACULO (*Scytalopus stilesi*) – Very close views at Otun-Quimbaya. Endemic to Colombia. [E]
TATAMA TAPACULO (*Scytalopus alvarezlopezi*) – The other endemic tapaculo seen on the Montezuma road. [E]
NARINO TAPACULO (*Scytalopus vicini*)
SPILLMANN'S TAPACULO (*Scytalopus spillmanni*) [*]
PARAMO TAPACULO (*Scytalopus opacus*)

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

TAWNY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER (ANDEAN) (*Sclerurus mexicanus andinus*) – This was a bit of a surprise at Montezuma. This taxon will likely be split 3 to 5 ways.

COCOA WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*)
STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*)
MONTANE WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*)
PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)
STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)
BUFFY TUFTEDCHEEK (PACIFIC) (*Pseudocolaptes lawrencii johnsoni*)
STOUT-BILLED CINCLODES (*Cinclodes excelsior*) – All to briefly at Los Nevados NP.
BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor rufum*)
SCALY-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps*)
LINEATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Syndactyla subalaris*)
UNIFORM TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes ignobilis*) – Seen or heard most days in the forest at Montezuma.
STREAK-CAPPED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes virgaticeps*) – We had nice looks at a bird that sat still for a long period near Finca Alejandria on our first day of birding.

FULVOUS-DOTTED TREERUNNER (*Margarornis stellatus*) – Not many, but a few seen in the tall forest at Montezuma.
PEARLED TREERUNNER (*Margarornis squamiger*)
ANDEAN TIT-SPINETAIL (*Leptasthenura andicola*)
MANY-STRIPED CANASTERO (*Asthenes flammulata*) [*]
WHITE-CHINNED THISTLETAIL (*Asthenes fuliginosa*) [*]
RED-FACED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca erythropis*) – Often common by voice in the foothill forest like at El 18 and Montezuma.
SLATY SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis brachyura*)
PALE-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albescens*)
AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae*) [*]
RUFOUS SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis unirufa*)

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)
WHITE-TAILED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*)
WHITE-BANDED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus stictopterus*) – Showed very well on our first stop driving up to Los Nevados NP.
WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*)
MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET (NORTHERN) (*Phaeomyias murina incomta*)
YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*) [*]
YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)
TORRENT TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga cinerea*)
STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes striaticollis*) – This is the higher elevation *Mionectes*; the next species is found lower down.
OLIVE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes olivaceus*)
OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*)
SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon superciliaris*)
RUFOUS-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon rufipectus*) – Usually associated with mixed-species flocks; we eventually caught up with one at Otun-Quimbaya.
MARBLE-FACED BRISTLE-TYRANT (*Phylloscartes ophthalmicus*) – Very nice looks at a responsive bird along the Montezuma road.
SOOTY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*)
BLACK-CAPPED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias nigrocapillus*)
GOLDEN-FACED TYRANNULET (GOLDEN-FACED) (*Zimmerius chrysops chrysops*)
ORNATE FLYCATCHER (*Myiobittacus ornatus*)
BRONZE-OLIVE PYGMY-TYRANT (*Pseudotriccus pelzelni*)
RUFOUS-HEADED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Pseudotriccus ruficeps*) [*]
SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus pileatus*)
BLACK-THROATED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus granadensis*)
RUFOUS-CROWNED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus ruficeps*) – A colorful little flycatcher that we enjoyed at Rio Bravo.
SLATE-HEADED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus sylvia*)
COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*)
FULVOUS-BREASTED FLATBILL (*Rhynchocyclus fulvipectus*) – All too briefly in the mixed-species flock at Montezuma.
YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (ASEMUS) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens asemus*)
CINNAMON FLYCATCHER (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*)
HANDSOME FLYCATCHER (*Nephelomyias pulcher*)

ORANGE-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus phoenicomitra*)
BRAN-COLORED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)
SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE (*Contopus fumigatus*)
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax virescens*)
BLACK PHOEBE (*Sayornis nigricans*)
VERMILION FLYCATCHER (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)
SMOKY BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes fumigatus*)
PIED WATER-TYRANT (*Fluvicola pica*)
SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris*)
BROWN-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca fumicolor*)
CATTLE TYRANT (*Machetornis rixosa*)
APICAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus apicalis*) – The endemic *Myiarchus* gave us a bit of trouble, but as often happens in birding it eventually showed up! Seen at Laguna de Sonso. [E]
GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus crinitus*)
GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)
RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)
GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*)
STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)
TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)
FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

GREEN-AND-BLACK FRUITEATER (*Pipreola riefferii*) – Seen several times throughout the tour.
ORANGE-BREASTED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola jucunda*) – Limited distribution on the Choco side of Colombia south to Ecuador. We saw (or heard) them most days at Montezuma.
PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW (*Querula purpurata*) – A small group was seen and heard way down in the forested ravine at Montezuma Lodge.
RED-RUFFED FRUITCROW (*Pyroderus scutatus*) – We found a male in the forest at Otun-Quimbaya.

Pipridae (Manakins)

GOLDEN-WINGED MANAKIN (*Masius chrysopterus*)

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)
BARRED BECARD (*Pachyramphus versicolor*)
WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus dorsalis*) – A responsive pair was above the lodge at Montezuma.

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)

RUFOUS-NAPED GREENLET (*Pachysylvia semibrunnea*)
BROWN-CAPPED VIREO (*Vireo leucophrys*)
CHIVI VIREO (*Vireo chivi*) – Singing birds were on territory at Reserva Vinculo.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

BLACK-CHESTED JAY (*Cyanocorax affinis*)

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*)
BROWN-BELLIED SWALLOW (*Orochelidon murina*)
SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)
GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)
BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

SCALY-BREASTED WREN (SCALY) (*Microcerculus marginatus occidentalis*) [*]
HOUSE WREN (SOUTHERN) (*Troglodytes aedon musculus*)
MOUNTAIN WREN (*Troglodytes solstitialis*)
EDGE WREN (*Cistothorus platensis*) – This species will be split in the near future. Currently, resident populations in Central and South American are known as "Grass Wrens" with 17 described subspecies.
SOOTY-HEADED WREN (*Pheugopedius spadix*) – A lovely species that is a near endemic to Colombia (also found in eastern Panama). We saw it well (quite a songster!) at Montezuma Lodge.
WHISKERED WREN (*Pheugopedius mystacalis*)
BAY WREN (*Cantorchilus nigricapillus*) [*]
SHARPE'S WREN (*Cinnycterthia olivascens*) – Good numbers in the understory flocks in the forest at Montezuma.
GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucophrys*)
MUNCHIQUE WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina negreti*) – Talk about a lovely songster! We had them nearly feeding out of our hands at the top of Montezuma (near the military outpost). This is a local endemic in Colombia, only found in the Western Cordillera. [E]
CHESTNUT-BREASTED WREN (*Cyphorhinus thoracicus*) – This was a target for most folks (easy to hear them, but often not seen). We had killer views at Otun-Quimbaya when one perched in the open for a long period.

Cinclidae (Dippers).

WHITE-CAPPED DIPPER (*Cinclus leucocephalus*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies).

ANDEAN SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes ralloides*)

SWAINSON'S THRUSH (*Catharus ustulatus*) – We saw an "Olive-backed" type or part of the continental clade at Finca Alejandria.

BLACK SOLITAIRE (*Entomodestes coracinus*) – Just one in the fog at Montezuma.

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (DRAB) (*Turdus ignobilis goodfellowi*)

GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater*)

GLOSSY-BLACK THRUSH (*Turdus serranus*)

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies).

CHESTNUT-BREADED CHLOROPHONIA (*Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys*) – This species put on a nice show a couple of times in the foggy forest at Montezuma.

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia laniirostris*)

GOLDEN-RUMPED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cyanocephala*)

ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)

LESSER GOLDFINCH (*Spinus psaltria*)

ANDEAN SISKIN (*Spinus spinescens*)

YELLOW-BELLIED SISKIN (*Spinus xanthogastrus*)

Passerellidae (New World Sparrows).

ASHY-THROATED CHLOROSPINGUS (*Chlorospingus canigularis*)

COMMON CHLOROSPINGUS (*Chlorospingus flavopectus*)

DUSKY CHLOROSPINGUS (*Chlorospingus semifuscus*) – Not super common at Montezuma, but seen a couple of times. Nice looks in a mixed-species flocks as we were descending from the top.

GRAY-BROWED BRUSHFINCH (*Arremon assimilis assimilis*)

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSHFINCH (*Arremon brunneinucha*)

OLIVE FINCH (*Arremon castaneiceps*) – Bizarre to see this often-difficult-to-observe species coming into rice!

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

WHITE-NAPED BRUSHFINCH (YELLOW-THROATED) (*Atlapetes albinucha gutturalis*)

TRICOLORED BRUSHFINCH (CHOCO) (*Atlapetes tricolor crassus*)

SLATY BRUSHFINCH (*Atlapetes schistaceus*)

PALE-NAPED BRUSHFINCH (*Atlapetes pallidinucha*)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies).

RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius angustifrons*)

YELLOW-BACKED ORIOLE (*Icterus chrysater*) [*]

YELLOW ORIOLE (*Icterus nigrogularis*)

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

CARIB GRACKLE (*Quiscalus lugubris*) – We saw a pair at Comeguadua where they have recently expanded.

YELLOW-HOODED BLACKBIRD (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*)

Parulidae (New World Warblers).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (*Parkesia noveboracensis*)

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (*Mniotilta varia*)

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (*Protonotaria citrea*) – Seen during our hike at Laguna de Sonso. In the same area as the Apical Flycatcher.

TENNESSEE WARBLER (*Oreothlypis peregrina*)

MOURNING WARBLER (*Geothlypis philadelphia*) – Several in the scrubby edge at Comeguadua.

TROPICAL PARULA (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER (*Setophaga fusca*) – The most common wintering North American warbler on this tour.

YELLOW WARBLER (NORTHERN) (*Setophaga petechia aestiva*)

BLACKPOLL WARBLER (*Setophaga striata*)

THREE-STRIPED WARBLER (*Basileuterus tristriatus*)

RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis coronata*)

CANADA WARBLER (*Cardellina canadensis*)

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*)

GOLDEN-FRONTED REDSTART (*Myioborus ornatus*)

Mitrospingidae (Mitrospingid Tanagers).

DUSKY-FACED TANAGER (*Mitrospingus cassinii*) [*]

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies).

HEPATIC TANAGER (*Piranga flava*)

SUMMER TANAGER (*Piranga rubra*)

CRESTED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia cristata*) – This lovely endemic was seen several times along the Montezuma road. [E]

OCHRE-BREADED TANAGER (*Chlorothraupis stolzmanni*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies).

- WHITE-CAPPED TANAGER** (*Sericossypha albocristata*) – Loud and boisterous; we had a inquisitive group come into our calls at Rio Blanco.
- BLACK-CAPPED HEMISPINGUS** (*Kleinotherapis atropileus*)
- BLACK-EARED HEMISPINGUS** (*Sphenopsis melanotis*) – Small numbers of this species and the next at Rio Blanco. Overall, three species of hemispingus seen on the tour.
- SUPERCILIARIED HEMISPINGUS** (*Thlypopsis superciliaris*)
- FLAME-RUMPED TANAGER (FLAME-RUMPED)** (*Ramphocelus flammigerus flammigerus*)
- FLAME-RUMPED TANAGER (LEMON-RUMPED)** (*Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus*)
- CRIMSON-BACKED TANAGER** (*Ramphocelus dimidiatus*)
- BLACK-AND-GOLD TANAGER** (*Bangsia melanochlamys*) – The two endemic *Bangsia* tanagers were seen well at Montezuma Lodge (Tatama NP). It seemed Gold-ringed was much more common than Black-and-gold at this site. [E]
- GOLD-RINGED TANAGER** (*Bangsia aureocincta*) [E]
- GRASS-GREEN TANAGER** (*Chlorornis riefferii*)
- LACRIMOSE MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Anisognathus lacrymosus*) – Five species of *Anisognathus* mountain-tanagers is a great result. Not many tours offer that, though the foothills of the Andes (where Montezuma is located) is their habitat.
- SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Anisognathus igniventris*)
- BLUE-WINGED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Anisognathus somptuosus*)
- BLACK-CHINNED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Anisognathus notabilis*) – A near endemic also found in Ecuador.
- BUFF-BREASTED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Dubusia taeniata*)
- PURPLISH-MANTLED TANAGER** (*Iridosornis porphyrocephalus*) – Another near endemic found in Ecuador. In Colombia, it is only found in the Western Cordillera.
- FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER** (*Pipraeidea melanonota*)
- GLISTENING-GREEN TANAGER** (*Chlorochrysa phoenicotis*)
- MULTICOLORED TANAGER** (*Chlorochrysa nitidissima*) – A striking tanager that we thankfully saw super well at Finca Aledandria. It was also encountered at Montezuma Lodge and Otun-Quimbaya. Endemic to Colombia. [E]
- BLUE-GRAY TANAGER** (*Thraupis episcopus*)
- PALM TANAGER** (*Thraupis palmarum*)
- BLUE-CAPPED TANAGER** (*Thraupis cyanocephala*)
- RUFOUS-THROATED TANAGER** (*Ixothraupis rufigula*)
- GOLDEN-NAPED TANAGER** (*Tangara ruficervix*)
- SCRUB TANAGER** (*Tangara vitriolina*)
- BLUE-NECKED TANAGER** (*Tangara cyanicollis*)
- BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER** (*Tangara vassorii*)
- BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER** (*Tangara nigroviridis*)
- METALLIC-GREEN TANAGER** (*Tangara labradorides*)
- BAY-HEADED TANAGER** (*Tangara gyrola*)
- SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER** (*Tangara xanthocephala*)
- GOLDEN TANAGER** (*Tangara arthus*)
- SILVER-THROATED TANAGER** (*Tangara icterocephala*)
- TURQUOISE DACNIS** (*Dacnis hartlaubi*) [E]
- GREEN HONEYCREEPER** (*Chlorophanes spiza*)
- GOLDEN-COLLARED HONEYCREEPER** (*Iridophanes pulcherrimus*) – Always nice to see this one, which we did several times on this tour.
- GUIRA TANAGER** (*Hemithraupis guira*) – Another low density species (it seems) that is unpredictable in its movements. We lucked out seeing a close pair at the Laguna de Sonso visitor's center.
- CAPPED CONEBILL** (*Conirostrum albifrons*)
- CHESTNUT-BELLIED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa gloriosissima*) – It took a short wait, but eventually this rare and local endemic showed up. [E]
- GLOSSY FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa lafresnayii*)
- BLACK FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa humeralis*)
- WHITE-SIDED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa albilatera*)
- INDIGO FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa indigotica*) [*]
- RUSTY FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa sittoides*)
- BLUISH FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa caerulescens*)
- MASKED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa cyanea*)
- PLUMBEOUS SIERRA-FINCH** (*Geospizopsis unicolor*)
- GRAY-HOODED BUSH TANAGER** (*Cnemoscopus rubrirostris*)
- SAFFRON FINCH** (*Sicalis flaveola*)
- BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT** (*Volatinia jacarina*)
- THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH** (*Sporophila funerea*)
- LARGE-BILLED SEED-FINCH** (*Sporophila crassirostris*) – Seen a couple of times at Comeguadua Reservoir near Manezales.
- GRAY SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila intermedia*)
- YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila nigricollis*)
- PLAIN-COLORED SEEDEATER** (*Catamenia inornata*)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)
BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)
BLACK-WINGED SALTATOR (*Saltator atripennis*)
GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)
STREAKED SALTATOR (*Saltator striatipectus*)

MAMMALS

RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*) [*****]
RED-TAILED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus granatensis*)
ANDEAN SQUIRREL (*Sciurus pucheranii*) [**E**]
AMAZON DWARF SQUIRREL (*Microsciurus flaviventer*)
CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta punctata*)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 375 bird taxa and 5 mammal taxa